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In re application of :  
**Kevin BROWN** : **IMPROVEMENTS IN AND  
RELATING TO KARABINERS**  
Serial No. Not Yet Assigned :  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please insert and amend section headings as follows. (Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121.)**

**On page 1, please delete the section heading "Title: Improvements in and relating to karabiners" and insert the following:**

**IMPROVEMENTS IN AND RELATING TO KARABINERS**

**On page 1, before the first complete paragraph, please delete the section heading "DESCRIPTION" and insert the section headings as follows:**

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

**1. Field of the Invention**

On page 1, after the first complete paragraph, please insert the section heading as follows:

*A3*  
**2. Description of the Related Art**

On page 2, before the first complete paragraph, please insert the section heading as follows:

*A4*  
**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

On page 3, before the first complete paragraph beginning "This invention", please insert the section heading as follows:

*A5*  
**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

On page 3, before the paragraph beginning "Referring to", please insert the section heading as follows:

*A6*  
**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS**

**REMARKS**

The specification has been amended to place the application in conformance with standard United States Patent practice.

Examination and allowance of claims 1-10 are respectfully requested.

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## **MARKED-UP AMENDED SECTION HEADINGS**

## Page 1, first section heading

[Title: Improvements in and relating to karabiners]

## **IMPROVEMENTS IN AND RELATING TO KARABINERS**

## Page 1, second section heading

[DESCRIPTION]

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## 1. Field of the Invention

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